Article in the "Trivandrum Express" re Minerals in Travancore.

100. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the article headed "Minerals in Travancore" that appeared in the *Trivandrum Express* of the 12th April 1927, and, if so, the action taken by them in the matter; and

(*b*) whether the Geological Department has any information on the matter contained in the article, and, if not, what steps have been taken to enquire into the existence of this mineral in the State ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) The matter is engaging attention. The article, however, appeared in the issue of the *Trivandrum Express* dated the 19th and not the 12th April 1927.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to the answer to part (*e*) may I know how many students are at present trained in the institute ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): May I draw the attention of the member that we are at question No. 100 ?

Working of the Textile Institute, Trivandrum.

101. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the working of the Textile Institute, Trivandrum, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of looms in stock in the Textile Institute at present (16-7-1928) and the annual cost at which they are worked;

(*b*) the quality and quantity of the annual output of articles from the Textile Institute ;

(*c*) the average annual receipts from the Textile Institute for the past three years (1100-1102);

(*d*) the nature and strength of the staff at present employed in the Textile Institute and the annual cost including establishment and contingencies ;

(*e*) whether all the looms are worked throughout the year, and if not, why ; and

(*f*) the total cost at which these looms are put up ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 12 ; Rs. 1,080-9-0.

(*b*) A list is available for inspection by the member at the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council.

(*c*)

Year.	*Rs.*	*ch.*	*c.*
1100	1,529	23	5
1101	1,477	3	4
1102	1,377	20	0
Average	1,461	17	8

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